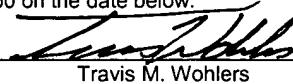




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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re* Application of:

Andrew Ellington

Serial No.: 09/776,252

Filed: February 2, 2001

For: SIGNALING APTAMERS THAT  
TRANSDUCE MOLECULAR  
RECOGNITION TO A DIFFERENTIAL  
SIGNAL

Group Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: B.J. Forman

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**RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 21, 2005**

**MAIL STOP RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated June 21, 2005, for which the three-month deadline for response was September 21, 2005. A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This three-month extension will bring the due date to December 21, 2005, which is within the six-month statutory period. Applicant is filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), along with the required fee. Please date stamp and return the enclosed postcard as evidence of receipt.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**A Request for Extension of Time** begins on page 7.

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